

## SONALI MOHAPATRA

ODISSI



Born on 25 March 1979, at Cuttack, Odisha, Shrimati Sonali Mohapatra received her initial training in Odissi dance from Truptimayee Mohanty. Later, she received training in the art form under Durgacharan Ranbir. She is the recipient of a national scholarship from the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

Shrimati Sonali Mohapatra has established herself as an exponent of Odissi dance in spite of her having aural impairment. She has performed solo extensively in various prestigious dance festivals such as the Biswa Odiya Sammeelani, Cuttack; Utkal Divas, Baroda and Bharuch; Swarnotsav of Sangeet Natak Akademi; Konark Dance and Music Festival, Bhubaneswar; International Buddha Mahotsav, Bodh-Gaya; International Odissi Dance Festival; Mukteshwar Festival, and Devdasi Festival, Bhubaneswar. She has also travelled to Japan in 2012 for her performances.

Shrimati Sonali Mohapatra has received various awards and honours including the Sanjukta Prativa Samman conferred by Nrutyalaya, Washington D.C. (2007). At present Shrimati Sonali Mohapatra is imparting training in Odissi dance to young students.

Shrimati Sonali Mohapatra is awarded the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar of Sangeet Natak Akademi for the year 2011 for her notable talent in the field of Odissi dance.